

# First Up

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 7, 2025**



What do  
you fear?

WHEN WE'RE RUNNING OUT  
OF HOPE, GOD IS AT WORK

**First**  
**Church**

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## Gathering

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: Family of faith, God is at work!

**People: God is healing and creating,**

Leader: redeeming and dreaming,

**People: calling and sending,**

Leader: listening and loving.

**People: Yes, indeed, God is at work!**

Leader: So may we worship our God who never gives up.

**People: May we worship our God who holds onto hope. Amen.**

### Candle Lighting

A: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

B: I see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

A: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us.

B: Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it. Light candle.

A: Thanks be to God! Amen.

### Song

"Tremble"

### First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:19-21

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:1-11

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you

hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Song

“Come Lord Jesus”

### Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold. We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do. But maybe more than anything, we need your Word and a reason to hope. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you. Amen.

## Proclaiming

### Message to Young Disciples

#### The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

*When We're Running Out of Hope, God is at Work*

## Responding

### Pastoral Prayer

### Moment of Generosity

### The Peace

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: With-us God, We live in a fearful world. If we're honest, we come to this Table today with the taste of fear on our tongues. We come to this Table carrying our anxiety. We come to this Table asking for guidance. We come to this Table with all of life's "what-ifs."

But you do not disregard our fear. You do not brush it under the rug or call us foolish. You do not ignore the realities in

front of us. You do not dish out hurtful platitudes, telling us to "toughen up" or "power through."

Instead, you meet us here.

You listen to our fears.

You remind us that we are not alone.

You surround us with people who love us.

You show us where we are strong.

You walk beside us.

And you give us a new song to sing.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit on this Table.

Pour out your Spirit on this ordinary bread.

Pour out your Spirit on this ordinary juice.

For the thing we fear the most is distance from you, so draw near to us here.

Saturate this room with your Spirit and this Table with your love. Remind us that even in a fearful world, you are on the move. Remind us that even in a fearful world, you are here, inviting us to the Table, nourishing our spirits, reminding us that we belong, calling us by name.

Instill that good news in us, for this is a joyful feast. Fear is not the loudest voice today. What a gift that is. You gave us the gift of Jesus, your son, who, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And when the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, so today we pray,  
gracious God: replace the fear on our tongues with words of hope and songs of joy.  
Now with hope for a better tomorrow, we join our voices together to pray the prayer your son taught us to pray, saying. . .

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Prayer After Communion

## Sending Forth

### Song

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### Benediction

#### **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

by Rowland Hugh Prichard, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, Charles...

##### Misc 1

Oh oh oh    Oh oh oh

##### Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

##### Misc 2

Oh oh oh    Oh oh oh

##### Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

##### Misc 3

You draw the hearts of shepherds  
You draw the hearts of kings  
Even as a baby  
You were changing ev'rything  
You called me to Your kingdom  
Before Your lips could speak  
And even as a baby  
You were reaching out for me  
And now we are awaiting  
The day of Your return  
When ev'ry eye will see You  
As heaven comes to earth  
Until the sky is opened  
Until the trumpet sounds  
The bride is getting ready  
The Church is singing out

##### Verse 3

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Come Thou long expected King

## **Tremble**

by Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes, Andres Figueroa, and Mariah McManus

### **Verse 1**

Peace bring it all to peace  
The storms surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name

### **Verse 2**

Still call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

### **Chorus 1**

Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus Jesus You silence fear  
Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus Jesus

### **Verse 3**

Breathe call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again I will praise

### **Misc 1 (Bridge)**

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome

## **Come Lord Jesus**

by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Jess Cates

### **Verse 1**

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

### **Verse 2**

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

### **Chorus 1**

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

### **Verse 3**

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

### **Misc 1**

So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

### **Chorus 2**

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

### **Misc 2**

God we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
(REPEAT)  
God we wait we wait for You  
Yes we wait You're coming soon  
God we wait You're coming soon oh

# PRAYERS

## CONCERNS SHARED

RENE REYNOSO, COUSIN OF LETTY MITCHELL      WR MILLER  
MARISSA ROWE, NIECE OF BARBARA KRAUSE      MACE WILLIAMS  
EMILY & JANE, NIECE & FRIEND OF MARY MAXINE      ALL IN NEED OF PRAYERS

## THOSE IN MEMORY CARE

JACK GAUNT      PAT STAVER

## OUR MILITARY

CDR JAMES BEATY      SMAN KEVIN CLUTE      LTC KEVIN FIELD      HM2 KIM FOUNTAIN  
AWR1 ISAIAH HALE      MSG ANTHONY MAURO      SMAN BEN RIDINGS      LCDR ALEX TURCO  
TSGT GERALD WELKER

## WORSHIP TEAM

### SLIDES

TOM DIENHART

### ASSISTANT PASTOR

KORY PRITCHETT

### SOUNDBOARD

EVORA SCHELLINGERHOUT

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHARIS VANDER PLAATS

## LIVESTREAM

RILEY SCHELLINGERHOUT

## LEAD PASTOR

DUANE CARLISE

## GIVING



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## BULLETIN



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## GET INVOLVED

### Tutoring Klondike Kids

Do you have time after school between 4:30-6 PM? Please consider working alongside Purdue education students tutoring Klondike Elementary School kids. On Mondays and Wednesdays, grades K-3 meet, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays, grades 4-5 gather in the Community Room of the Point West Mobil Home Community in West Lafayette. Learn more at the "Get Involved" link on our FUMCWL.org web site.



### Euchre Starting Early

We've changed our hours for euchre. Starting this month, narthex doors will open at 5:45 PM and will run until 8:30 PM. The date remains the same: the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Our next play date is this Wed, Dec. 10. We usually have six or more tables each month and lots of laughs. Get on the evite list by contacting Jeanne Norberg [jnorberg@purdue.edu](mailto:jnorberg@purdue.edu).



### Let's Sing!

On Saturday, Dec. 21 at 4 pm: Join us for Christmas caroling and a talent showcase in the sanctuary. Want to perform? Sign up by Dec. 17 at <https://forms.gle/Cd6S7SE7wsrrZYs19>.



### We All Do Our Part

Office help is appreciated. If you can give two hours, 1 to 3 PM, on Thursdays, let Jeanne know at [jnorberg@purdue.edu](mailto:jnorberg@purdue.edu). Our next open slot is Jan. 8.



### Sunday School for Adults and Teens

We've outgrew our room upstairs, so we have moved our Adult Sunday School to the Activity Center and for this Advent Season are opening it up to teens. Drop in and check it out. The theme of this church-wide study is a question, "What do you fear?"



### Spread of Christmas Joy

On Saturday, Dec. 13, FUMC and other congregations will invite struggling parents to select free toys, gift certificates and food for their holiday celebrations. We call it Jubilee Christmas, which is organized by Lafayette Urban Ministry.



Here's how you can help:

- Donate a Toy: Bring a new, unwrapped toy (ages 0-12) to the marked bins in the Missions corner by Wednesday, Dec. 10.
- Donate cookies: Bring nut-free cookies for the families by Fri., Dec. 12.
- Give financially: Make checks to FUMC with "LUM Jubilee" in the memo.
- Volunteer: Help sort toys by age on Thu, Dec 11 starting at noon.

Contact: Ronda at [rkroesch@fumcwl.org](mailto:rkroesch@fumcwl.org) or (765) 743-1285.



# FUMC EVENTS & CHRISTMAS KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

30

First Sunday  
of Advent



1

Make a  
Christmas  
card for a  
friend.

2

VNS  
Christmas  
Concert  
5:30 PM



3

Make a goody  
bag  
for a friend.

4

Help to tidy up  
your  
classroom or  
home.



5

ACORN New  
Performance  
Festival  
7:30 PM

6

Breakfast  
with Santa 9-  
11 AM



ACORN New  
Perf Fest  
2:30/7:30PM

7

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Brunch  
10 AM

Second  
Sunday of  
Advent



8

Tell a friend  
thank you  
for something  
they did.



9



Offer to help  
someone.

10

Euchre 6 PM



11

Help your  
parents  
around the  
house.

12

Say thank  
you to  
someone  
today.

13

LUM Jubilee  
Christmas  
9:00 AM  
Bells & Flutes  
free concert  
7:00 PM  
sanctuary

14

Third Sunday  
of Advent



15

Show off  
your best  
manners  
today.



16

Donate to  
your  
local food  
bank.



17

Give your  
Grandparents  
a call.

18

Give a  
love one a hug.



19

Pick up any  
litter  
that you see.

20

Tell your  
family you love  
them.



21

Carol  
Sing-Along &  
Talent  
Showcase 4PM  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent



22

Tell someone  
a joke  
to make  
them laugh.

23

Make a card for  
an elderly  
neighbour.



24

Attend  
Christmas Eve  
services  
at 7 PM



25

Wish everyone Merry Christmas!

